GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2511
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PAK`S NUCLEAR CAPABILITY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is likely to succeed in modernizing its nuclear arsenal with Plutonium Bombs and produce Warheads for its missiles aimed at India and elsewhere as reported in the Pioneer dated September 4, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to counteract it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c) Government is aware of media reports on Pakistan`s nuclear and missile arsenal. It is assessed that efforts by Pakistan to enhance its nuclear capabilities continue. Government remains fully committed to taking all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India`s security, with a credible minimum nuclear deterrent based on realistic assessment of the country`s security environment.